## Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend claims the claims as set forth below:

## Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

- 1. (Currently Amened) A composition comprising:
  - one or more plant protease, and/or
  - one or more animal protease, and
- (a) one or more antioxidants which are selected from the group of comprising vitamins having antioxidant activity, earotenoids, and selenium-containing substances, and ubiquinones.
- (b) one or more flavonoids and/or one or more flavonoid-containing substances, and optionally.

one or more amino acids, (e) one or more polysaccharides, or (d) combinations thereof.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 comprising one or more amino acids
- (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 comprising one or more polysaccharides.
- (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1 comprising one or more amino acids and one or more polysaccharides.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, further comprising one or more polyphenols, one or more flavonoids and/or one or more

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## flavonoid-containing substances.

- (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 5 comprising one or more amino acids and/or one or more polysaccharides.
- 7. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition comprises one or more plant protease and/or one or more animal protease and one or more amino acids; one or more plant protease and/or one or more animal protease and one or more polysaccharides; or one or more plant protease and/or one or more animal protease, one or more amino acids and one or more polysaccharides, further comprising one or more flavonoid-containing substances.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition comprises one or more plant protease and one or more animal protease.
- (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the plant protease(s) is/are bromelain, bromelain-containing pineapple extracts, papain, papain-containing papaya extracts or combinations thereof, and the animal protease(s) is/are trypsin or chymotrypsin or combinations thereof.
- (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the vitamin(s) having antioxidant activity is/are selected from vitamin A, C and E or the esters of vitamin A and E.
- 11. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 1, wherein the selenium-containing substance(s) having antioxidant activity is/are selenium yeast, alkali metal selenites such as sodium selenite, alkaline earth metal selenites such as magnesium selenite, or ammonium selenite. or the corresponding selenates.

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- (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 51, wherein the flavonoid(s) is/are flavones, flavonols, flavanols, or isoflavanols.
- (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 5 1, wherein the flavonoids comprise
  quercetin, rutin, hesperetin, pinocembrin, taxifolin, chrysin, luteolin, kaemperol, and/or
  rhamnetin
- 14. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 5 1, wherein the flavonoid-containing substance(s) is/are onion powder, buckwheat extracts, grapeseed flavonoids or citrus flavonoids.
- 15. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition <u>further</u> comprises the ubiquinone coenzyme Q10.
- 16. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the composition <u>further comprises</u> carotenoids eemprise, <u>wherein said carotenoids are carotene</u>, lycopene, neurosporin, phytofluene, phytoene, xanthophyll, violaxanthin, crocetin, astaxanthin, and/or capsanthin.
- (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 2, wherein the amino acid(s) is/are Larginine, acid addition salts of L-arginine, glycine, L-glutamine, amides of L-glutamine, Lmethionine or combinations thereof.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 3, wherein the polysaccharide(s) are amylose, pustulan, dextran, amylopectin, cellulose, arabans, fructans, glucans such as β-glucan, mannans, glycogen, chitin, pectins or combinations thereof.

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- (Currently Amended) The composition of claim + 16 comprising papain, bromelain,
   vcopene, vitamin E acetate, vitamin A acetate and sodium selenite as active constituents.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 6 16 comprising papain, bromelain, lycopene, vitamin E acetate,  $\beta$ -carotene, grapeseed flavonoids and sodium selenite as active constituents
- (Currently Amended) The composition of claim 5 14 comprising papain, bromelain, vitamin E acetate, a rutin-containing buckwheat extract, quercetin-containing onion powder and L-arginine as active constituents.
- (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 6 comprising papain, bromelain, βcarotene, citrus flavonoids, β-clucan and L-arginine as effective constituents.
- 23. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 9 comprising trypsin or chymotrypsin or pepsin; trypsin and chymotrypsin; trypsin and chymotrypsin and pepsin; chymotrypsin and pepsin; trypsin and pepsin.
- 24. (Previously Presented) A food product for food supplementation comprising the composition of claim 1, wherein said food product contributes to a balanced diet, strengthens the immune defenses or the body's defenses, treats inflammatory and inflammatory-rheumatic disorders, regulates the immune system in situations of physical and/or mental stress, strengthens the immune system before, during and/or after an oncolytic treatment or reduces the risk of tumor recurrences and secondaries.
- 25. (Previously Presented) A medicament comprising the composition of claim 1, wherein

said medicament strengthens the immune defenses or the body's defenses, treats inflammatory and inflammatory-rheumatic disorders, regulates the immune system in situations of physical and/or mental stress, strengthens the immune system before, during and/or after an oncolytic treatment or reduces the risk of tumor recurrences and secondaries.

26. - 27. (Cancelled)

- (Previously Presented) A dietetic treatment method comprising administering to a
  patient in need for such a treatment the composition of claim 1.
- 29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, wherein said administration contributes to a balanced diet, regulates the immune system in situations of physical and/or mental stress, strengthens the immune defenses or the body's defenses, treats inflammatory and inflammatory-rheumatic disorders, strengthens the immune system before, during and/or after an oncolytic treatment or reduces the risk of tumor recurrences and secondaries.
- 30. (Previously Presented) A method for supplementing a persons food comprising administering to such a person the composition of claim 1.
- 31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 30, wherein said administration contributes to a balanced diet, regulates the immune system in situations of physical and/or mental stress or strengthens the immune defenses or the body's defenses.
- 32. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 11, wherein said alkali metal selenite is sodium selenite.
- 33. (Previously Presented) The composition of claim 32, wherein said at least one selenite

is present in a concentration of 0.01 to 0.1% by weight, based on the total amount of active constituents.

- 34. (Cancelled)
- 35. (New) The composition of claim 13, wherein the flavonoids are rutin, taxifolin and/or luteolin.
- 36. (New) The composition of claim 1, wherein said antioxidants in (a) further comprise carotenoids and/or ubiquinones.
- 37. (New) The composition of claim 8, wherein the at least one plant protease is papain and the at least one animal protease is chymotrypsin.